

WORCESTER COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please Print and fill out Completely: 'SAR' Term word used for 'Search and Rescue'

All members joining WCSART will automatically be a non-voting member of NASAR, National Association for Search and Rescue

Membership Class, See back for details: FM TM AM CM CS

WRSP-Water Rescue Safety Patrol MRSP-Mountain Rescue Safety Patrol (Must be Full Member for WRSP & MRSP)

Name: _____ **Male:** **Female:**
Address: _____ (Mailing)
City: _____
State: _____ **Country:** _____
Zip: _____ **U.S. Citizen:** Yes No

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Must be over 18 years old

Last 4 Digits of SSN: _____ (For ID Card)

Primary Phone: Area Code:() _____

Secondary Phone: Area Code:() _____ **FAX:** _____

Cell Phone: Area Code:() _____

Pager: _____ **Text messaging** Yes No

Email Address: _____ (Very Important)

Ham Radio Call: _____ **Class:** _____ (if Applicable)

Emergency Contact Info: _____ (Name of person to contact, spouse, family)

Number: Area Code:() _____ (Contacts Telephone number)

Boating Safety Certificate Yes No USCG Aux USPS - *Need for WRSP Program Only*

Pilot: Yes **Classification:** _____ **Hours** _____ **Current** _____ **Last BA** _____

Aircraft owner: Yes No **If Yes, type of Aircraft** _____ **'N' Number** _____

Blood Type: _____ (Optional)

Medical Problems: Yes No **'If Yes, list below'** List any problems that would affect your
_____ Ability to perform in an outside environment

Place of Employment: _____ **Full Time** **Part Time**

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ **Country:** _____

Work Phone: Area Code () _____ **Extension:** _____

Can you receive Calls: Yes No

Can you Leave for SAR: Yes No - Important, can you leave work for Missions?

WCSAR will write Employer (if needed) to leave work

Primary Vehicle Make/Yr: _____ (Vehicle used on SAR Operations)

License Plate Info: _____ **Current Registration on any SAR Operations**

Type of Vessel: Length (Ft) Inboard Outboard

Vessel Registration: _____ **WRSP Program Only**

Prior Military/Branch: Yes No _____ (List Branch of Service)

Police/Fire/EMT _____ (List if you are a Policeman, Fireman, EMT)

CERT TEAM _____ (List Team belonging to)

CAP/USCGAUX/USPS _____ (List current Unit attached to)

Other Organizations: _____ (or SAR Teams you are a member of)

You do not have to be a prior Member to any organization to join WCSAR

Reason for Joining: _____

Signing this applications releases WCSART Incorporated from any liability due to personal injury or death due to any form of accident during active Missions, Water Rescue patrols, Mountain Rescue Patrols, Search & Rescues, or other activities involving WCSART, or participating with other volunteer groups. By signing this application I am volunteering my services to assist in the programs sponsored by WCSART Incorporated.

SIGNATURE: _____ **Date:** ___/___/___

Must be over 18 years old - Make a copy for your records

Send Application to: WCSART Inc. / W. Latimer - Please Include Check or MO for proper one time Fee.:
P.O. Box 159, Holden, MA 01520

For Further Info or Questions call: William Latimer 508/414-7676

See Web Site for further Information at [<http://www.wcsarteam.com>]

Please Enclose 'facial-shot' Picture for ID Card, or Email a [.jpg] format picture to: <mailto:wcsarteam@cs.com>



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Application is open for all adults 18 years of age and older.

Applicants for team membership must:

1. Fill out Application form and submit a one-time Fee for membership - all categories - is \$15.00. All members of WCSAR will be non-voting members of *National Association for Search and Rescue*.
First time applicant's membership is good for the first two years from date joined. One-year renewal afterwards.
2. Be in good health and physical condition for long outdoor activity and rugged terrain.
3. Be available (when possible) to assist (24/7/365) when the Teams are called for assistance on any type of Search and Rescue operation as specified, or other volunteer services relating to SAR as required via WCSART.
4. To provide a current 24-hour contact number, pager, or cell phone.
5. To attend basic training and operational exercises when scheduled. A minimum of one SAREX per year, and attend a minimum of 1 training module throughout the year. WRSP & MRSP must do one Sortie per season.
6. There are 5 classes of membership: (FM) Full Member, (TM) Team Member, (AM) Associate Membership, (CM) Communications Member Support, and (CS) Corporate Sponsor.

(FM) Full Member: Anyone that has filled out an application and is a current paying member supporting Worcester County Search and Rescue in either an Administration role or other. Cannot participate in actual Missions until qualifications can be verified. Full membership entitles you to participate in all programs WCSART has to offer. Must be a U.S. Citizen for FM.

(TM) Team Member: Part of an operational Ground Team that will respond to Missions when called. Has shown proof of training criteria from other organizations in the following fields. Rudimentary Navigation, Map reading, Compass work, Basic and Advance First Aid including CPR, general knowledge of operating in wilderness terrain and urban areas. Training will be provided for those that are not qualified by two training modules throughout the year. *Qualifications Required*. Review process by Staff members, and is eligible for participation in any Search and Rescue operation. Training requirements accreditation is through NASAR Team Members to assist and participate in SAR related missions as needed

(AM) Associated Member: Support member only. Has joined WCSAR, but has limited participation in the organization as a Member or Team Member, but can assist in a membership *status* with the possibility of joining as a full time SAR Team member in the future. Can represent WCSAR in an Administration, Logistical SAR operation, Water Rescue Safety Patrol as Crewmember, Communications, or Public Relations function. Many Associated Members volunteer their time to the Red Cross, Disaster Relief, and programs through other organizations when needed. *Honorable* Membership falls under this category for those qualified. If you are not a U.S. Citizen, you may join as an Associate Member. Membership Limitations apply.

(CM) Communications Support: Qualified Amateur Radio Operator, Dispatcher, or 'other' Communications qualifications that can be used in assistance to set up Emergency Radio Communications in an operational area, or support same. WCSAR Comms Team Members should get their GMRS License. Membership as CM is open to all Ham Operators world-wide.

(CS) Corporate Sponsor: Corporations that generously give their financial support for the operation and finance of WCSAR. This is a lifetime Membership and *one* time contribution. Plaque will be presented.

(VPP) Volunteer Pilot Program – To assist in transport of logistics in any Emergency Situation where Aircraft is needed.

(WRSP) Water Rescue Safety Patrol: Operations on Inland Lakes and Ponds; Water Rescue Safety Patrols for those members that have boats. This is our Water Rescue Safety Patrol currently operating out on Lake Quinsigamond, Shrewsbury, MA. All WRSP Members must complete a Boating Safety Course sponsored by the USCG Auxiliary or US Power Squadron.

Note: You do not need to own a Vessel to join our WRSP Program. WCSART has its own Corporate Vessel for patrol Duty.

(MRSP) Mountain Rescue Safety Patrol: Team Members patrolling on Mt. Wachusetts during the winter months. Must have Snowshoes and be familiar operating in wilderness conditions in a cold snowy, icy climate. Must have a current CPR Card and be in good physical condition to do a 4 hour patrol on the Mountain Top.

7. Agree to follow team by-laws, policies, procedures and all State & local Laws.
8. All members will be issued a current (Bar Coded) ID Card with your picture and assigned ID Number.
9. Members may leave or quit the program at any time and rejoin at a later date.
10. All Members must provide their own transportation to/from an operational area. Our primary area of operation is the Worcester County Boundary for the State of Massachusetts, but will assist other areas if needed.
11. Be of good character, provide good moral judgment, and get along with fellow members.

WCSAR Board of directors has the 'right' to reject and not renew any applicants due to a criminal background, fraudulent information, not keeping current, or general misconduct. Membership is on an Annual basis from date joined.

Worcester County Search and Rescue is not in competition with any other volunteer Search and Rescue organization throughout the State. WCSAR is designed to 'assist' and to give logistical and operational support where needed when additional numbers of more personal are needed. We are considered as an independent Search and Rescue Team in 'waiting' and ready-to-go at a moments notice. *"We support...so others may live."*

William C. Latimer
CEO/Founder